

District III Advisory Board Minutes

December 4, 2002

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7:00 p.m.**

**Colvin Neighborhood City Hall
2820 S. Roosevelt**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. In attendance were the District III City Council Member and six (6) District Advisory Board Members. Five (5) City staff were present and approximately 18 members of the public of which signed in.

Members Present

Gene Fuhr
Phyllis Hall
Jim Gulick
Matt Foley
John Kemp
Phil Bloomquist
Council Member Phil Lambke

Members Absent

Judy Dillard
Bill Ward
Lois Ann Newman
Laura Simpson

Staff Present

Vicki Mork
Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer
Officer Virgil Miller
Officer David Hinnars
Officer Dwayne Diehl
Officer Matt Young

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council member Lambke called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for November 6, 2002 were approved as read. Moved by Kemp (Gulick) and approved 6-0.

Action: Minutes were approved as read (6-0).

Public Agenda

1. CM Lambke asked the group if anyone was there to speak on the public agenda. Al Torske, of 7200 S. Chautauqua identified himself as being there to speak about streetlights. CM Lambke asked him if he would mind waiting until that topic's turn and he agreed.

2. Scheduled items

Matching Neighborhood Grant Applications

Elena Ingle, 3608 Meadowlane representing Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association and Kerin Smith, 2240 S. Crestway of Meadowlark Neighborhood Association were both present. Elena Ingle presented the pertinent facts for both groups. These two neighborhood associations each applied for a Matching Grant of \$5,316 for the purpose of installing a sidewalk in the open area at Bluff and Mt. Vernon to provide a walking trail. The neighborhood associations state there isn't any area suitable for walking in this area of town, this project would provide a walkway in some green space. Therefore, they are asking for funding for part of the sidewalk featured in a park plan for this area at Mt. Vernon and Bluff that was drawn up several years ago by staff in Park & Rec Department. These two neighborhood associations are in co-operation with this project for a Walking Trail.

Bloomquist (Foley) moved grants of \$5,316 be approved for both Grandview Heights and Meadowlark Neighborhood Association (6-0).

Melody Stucky, 2756 Mason presented the vision of the South City Community Association to develop a community garden in Garvey Park, the Matching Neighborhood grant request of \$5,679 improvements would be used in addition to the CIP budget enhancements proposed for 2003. The community garden would have 48 plots. The entrance would be nicely landscaped with a brick walkway paved with commemorative bricks to be sold for \$50 each. A founders plaque will also be included listing the founding members of the garden. Walking paths will delineate the garden plots and cedar benches will be built and installed for resting places. The area will be fenced off

Fuhr (Bloomquist) moved that the grant of \$5,679 be approved for the South City Community Association. Passed (6-0)

Jeannette Barber, 3428 Grandview presented an grant proposal for Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association requesting \$2,577 for restoration of and beautification of entry way monuments at Hillside and Grandview. Stone work clean up and repair, landscaping and cleanup of the areas around the monuments are included in the proposal.

Bloomquist (Fuhr) moved that the grant of \$2,577 be approved for the Grandview Heights Neighborhood Association. Passed (6-0)

Ted Keehn, 1327 S Pershing appeared for **Gay Quisenberry of the Hilltop Improvement Alliance** as she was sick. He presented a grant request of \$864 for an alarm system for the Hilltop Community Building. Community Policing Officer Young endorsed the plan. The center has been broken into on several occasions this year and electronic equipment belonging to the various organizations that share the center has been taken. This system includes an audible alarm that will sound outside and the neighbors of the center will be educated about it and advised of the steps to take when they hear it go off.

Foley (Gulick) moved that the grant of \$864 for Hilltop Improvement Alliance be approved. Passed (6-0)

2. Cornejo Construction & Demolition Landfill

Ron Cornejo thanked the DAB board for allowing him appear before them again. He wanted to address the C&D Landfill issues again reiterating that he wants to be a good neighbor. Since the last appearance before the DAB he said that he had several meetings with CM Lambke and some of the DAB members. In his defense he said that for the first 5 years of operation of the landfill that he heard nothing from the neighbors. His first realization that the neighbors were not happy was when the permit extension issue came up and the neighbors began complaining. He said that in order to be a better neighbor they are putting up an '8 foot concrete fence by the rock crushing operation. Another problem was the lack of berms, they were supposed to have been erected but already. The berm is up and they are planting trees. The other big problem is the dust from the truck traffic, he is going to address that issue. Ron says he is dedicated to bring a good neighbor.

Mr. Cornejo also said he would like to maintain railroad right of way as they leave it go then spray the vegetation with weed killer and don't mow it. It looks unsightly that way, he is going to check with the railroad to see if he can do this. **Ron** state he could water more aggressively to hold the dust down on the road used by the trucks. **Gulick** is opposed to a park seconded by Phyllis Hall. Ron says he is committed to transforming the C&D Landfill to a park as stated by his C.U.P but if the City would let him out of that commitment that would be fine with him.

John Kemp stated the **K-15** neighborhood Association is having a meeting tomorrow night at his house and says he's encouraged by the changes Ron is willing to make. Ron also said he is willing to appear before the meeting tomorrow night and leave before their discussion. He apologized for the miscommunications over the past years.

CM Lambke also interjected that DAB council or the City Council probably will not make the final determination on this issue, they may or may not approve the continuation of the C & D landfill permit however the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will have the final say on this issue.

3. Parents As Teacher

Mitzi Hall, USD 259 stated their program served 1800 families in Wichita. P.A.T. help parents work with their children as they develop says they have play groups at Colvin, Hilltop, Cessna & Booth heavily penetrated in District III. Showed a video explaining importance of the program. Resource Center located at 412 S. Main opened Tues. Wed. and Thurs. from 8am-8pm.

4. Bassima Schbley introduced herself. She is a professor at WSU and is the Director of Projects with Inter-Faith Ministries including Go-Zones. Go-zones is a Faith Based initiative, partially funded by a Federal Grant to establish youth programs in areas that need them usually in local churches. It requires a 15% grant share model. The staff provided with the grant funds are full time and part time, Americorps Volunteers.

Celebrate Safety- campaign against shooting guns into the air for celebration of events like on New Year's Eve.

Operation Holiday – provides Christmas help to the needy of Wichita and they are short of food and cash right now. They are struggling to meet needs for Christmas.

Faith in Action- provide non-medical help for elderly to keep them in their home. Social work is based on a program. They can utilize volunteers they are 55 and older. Call Inter-Faith Ministries if interested in volunteering. They also do homeless services.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Community Police Officers for District III reported on specific concerns for the area

Officer Virgil Miller, Beat 26 stated that not a whole lot is going on. No further burglaries are happening but he's still working on it.

Officer Diehl, Beat 24 said the Community Policing from South Patrol partnered with Graham Central Station to raise money, which bought Thanksgiving Dinner for 300 families. Next year he hopes to feed 150 families more and expand citywide. Also the City can now tow cars off of private property.

Officer David Hinners, Beat 32 introduced himself as the new Community Policing officer for this beat he took Officer Binkley's place.

4. Public Works

Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer appeared and spoke about street lights South of Pine Bay Estates. This is an area recently annexed by the city. According to city policy street lights are made available to these areas upon request of a resident. Paul has been contacted and street lights have been requested he notified the neighborhood requesting feedback from the residents. He handed out copies of city's policy for street lights.

Arrangements have been worked out for the expenses of street lights installation between the City and the electric utility. Therefore the lights are provided at no cost to the residents. The lights are installed according to the manner in which they utilities already are. In the South River Edition the electric lines are underground so the City would pay for trench or boring and pay for electric bill. In this particular area five property owners notified Paul they are in favor and 3 property owners called in their opposition.

John Silvers, 700 S. Rutan spoke in favor of lights from security stand point. George Clark the developer said he was for whatever the majority wanted.

Al Torske of 7200 Chautauqua stated he was not in favor of the street lights and cited several neighbors that he polled that were against them. However none of them had contacted Paul or were in attendance at the meeting. Due to the location of Mr. Torske's property he was slated to have street lights both in front of and behind his property. He thought that was just too much light and he liked the country nature of his property. Paul showed several maps

and handouts with properties identified that had indicated a preference. Overall more responses were in favor of lighting than not.

Paul then moved on to a presentation regarding sidewalks. His department is putting together a comprehensive list of missing sidewalks. However the City has an annual budget of \$450,00 for sidewalks with \$400,00 earmarked towards wheelchair ramps it just leaves \$50,000 for sidewalks. This translates into building about a mile of sidewalk per year, as the cost is \$1.85 sq ft. With this in mind he is requesting input from DAB III regarding placement of sidewalks.

Wants DAB to prioritize the following areas --

1. Mt. Vernon -Broadway to St. Francis
2. Hydraulic- Mills to Fortuna
3. Mt. Vernon-**Gulick** says he sees no reason for sidewalk and pintoed out existing sidewalks jump back and forth from north to south.
4. Matt Foley made the case for sidewalk on Lincoln. **Paul** said right of way was tight and he'd talk to convert. **Hall** asked which side of George Washington Blvd. would the sidewalk be built from Harry to Pawnee.

Recommended Action: DAB III endorsed projects 1,2 and 4 as highest priority

Board Agenda

5. Updates, Issues and Report

Gulick said the Eagle listed the Meadowlark Neighborhood Association in the Neighbors Section recently but they showed it in wrong place.

Matt reported close co-operation with police on a guy trying to pick up a 12 yr. old girl and drugs and weapons.

Hall wants us to respond to the Eagle misperception portrayed in a recent article by Art Garcia.

Recommended Action: Address as appropriate, or receive and file.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be January 8, 2003 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

No Action Required

Motion made to adjourn Bloomquist (Gulick)

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

District III

Visitors

Ted Keehn	1327 S. Pershing
Jeff Spahn	3601 E. Mt. Vernon
Elena Ingle	3608 Meadow Lane
Al Torske	7200 S. Chautauqua
Jana & John Silvers	7000 S. Rutan
Jim & Kerin Smith	2240 S. Crestway
Joann Hartig	1756 S. Main
Mitzie Hall	910 W. Putter Circle
Melody Stucky	2756 Mason
Jeanette Barber	3428 Grandview
George L Shark	2551 Greenleaf
Terri Torske	7210 S. Chataqua
Marty Cornejo	2060 E. Tulsa
Ron Cornejo	2060 E. Tulsa
Lonny Wright	2320 Alameda
Gerald Graves	3801 E. Funston